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Title: TURBIDIMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY FOR  
LIPOPROTEIN(a) AND REAGENT THEREFORE (*As  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: